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In Re the Application of:

SANTOS ET AL.

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Containing Ligands for Re and Tc
Tricarbonyl Complexes"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

For entry into the U.S. National Stage from the PCT, the above-identified national stage application is concurrently being amended as follows. Claims 27-35 are not being entered and are therefore cancelled from examination, Claims 36-40 are being added, and Claims 1, 4-6, 12-17, 19, 20, 22 and 23 are being amended. Accordingly, 31 claims (Claims 1-26 and 36-40) are initially being presented for examination. Of those 31 claims, six claims (Claims 1 and 36-40) are independent.

The above-mentioned revisions of the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which may be found on pages 2-10 of this correspondence. It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early notice of allowance is hereby requested. Should the Office believe that a telephone conference would expedite allowance, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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